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SUMMARY: DURING JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) DISCUSSION OF NICSMA-D/46, NATIONAL RESERVATIONS ON THE DOCUMENT EMERGED. THE GROUP AGREED, WITH NICSMA CONCURRENCE, THAT PROPOSED ROLE FOR NATO MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY AGENCY (NAMSA) IS THE KEY POINT WHICH NATO JOINT COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE (NJCEC) SHOULD AGREE. MISSION ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS ON THIS DOCUMENT AND SUGGESTS POINTS FOR INCLUSION IN US POSITION AT NJCEC MEETING IN MARCH 1975. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) DISCUSSION OF NICSMA-D/46, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARTS OF THE PAPER. RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 21(C) ON ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL BUDGET FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS DREW MOST FIRE. MANY REPS COMMENTED ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT

PLAN, THE DEFINITION OF THE NICS, AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL OPERATING AUTHORITY. IN THIS CONTEXT, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS REPS (VANDEN BROECKE AND HOFFMAN, RESPECTIVELY) ASKED RHETORICALLY WHEN NICS OFFICIALLY WILL BECOME AN OPERATING SYSTEM.

2. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS DISCUSSION, THE JCEWG AGREED (WITH NICSMA CONCURRENCE):

A. THAT THE CRITICAL ISSUE IN THE DOCUMENT IS THE PROPOSED ROLE FOR NAMSA AND THAT PARA 21(B) IS THE PRINCIPLE POINT ON WHICH THE NJCEC SHOULD AGREE.

B. THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 21(C) CAN BE DELTED FROM THE DOCUMENT AND CONSIDERED LATER WITHOUT AFFECTING THE PRINCIPLE ISSUE.

3. MISSION SHARES GENERAL RESERVATION ON QUALITY AND CONTENT OF NICSMA-D/46. THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT LAY OUT THE OVERALL MAINTENANCE PHILOSOPHY, DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DIFFERENT MAINTENANCE APPROACHES REQUIRED FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, OR ADDRESS ORGANIZATIONAL SOURCES OF PERSONNEL WHO WILL ACTUALLY PERFORM MAINTENANCE. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT US POSITION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. AGREE TO NAMSA ROLE AS PROPOSED IN RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 21(B).

B. URGE NICSMA TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PHILOSOPHY (OF THE TYPE DEVELOPED FOR MAJOR US MILITARY SYSTEMS) BEFORE CONCERNING ITSELF WITH DETAILS OF MAINTENANCE PLAN.

C. WITHHOLD GENERAL ENDORSEMENT OF NICSMA-D/46 UNTIL NICSMA HAS DEVELOPED THE CONCEPT FURTHER. BRUCE

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